CARCERAL REDLINING

White Supremacy is a Weapon of Mass Incarceration for Indigenous and Black Peoples in Canada

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Although Canada’s crime rates have been declining for the past 20 years, rates of incarceration for Indigenous and Black people have increased disproportionately.

Since 2010, incarceration of Indigenous peoples has increased by 43.4%, whereas the non-Indigenous incarcerated population has declined by 13.7% over the same period*. 

Federally Incarcerated Indigenous Population since 2001

Source: Office of the Correctional Investigator, 2020
While making up 3% of the general Canadian population, Black people account for 10% of the federal prison population. *

Indigenous people represent approximately 5% of the Canadian population but account for 30.4% of the federal prison population. **

Similar disparities are evident in provincial jails. For example:

In Nova Scotia, **Black people** represent 2% of the general population but account for 14% of the jail population.*

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‘CARCERAL REDLINING’: The systemic ways in which incarceration practices are used as a tool for social control by the redlining of racialized communities. There are effectively red lines drawn around certain communities to be criminalized and targeted for incarceration.

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Carceral Constellations

State-sanctioned legal enterprises that work in tandem with carceral redlining to ensure the disproportionate incarceration of Black and Indigenous peoples.
THE ANSWER TO THESE CHALLENGES IS PRISON ABOLITION. Visioning a world where inequalities are resolved by investing in housing, healthcare, and education – all investments that are required for community safety.

It is not utopian, but simply **fair and just**.

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